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The Secretary-General has received the following statement, which is being circulated in accordance with paragraphs 30 and 31 of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31.

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Statement

"Implementing the post-2015 development agenda: moving from commitments to results"

The Young Professionals Forum welcomes the 2016 ECOSOC High Level Segment theme "Implementing the post-2015 development agenda: moving from commitments to results", and the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda by the President of the General Assembly September 2015.

We express our satisfaction to the declaration, vision, principles and commitments to the new agenda, means of implementation, call for action and the sustainable development goals and targets. 2016 theme "moving from commitment to results" expresses hope that the principles and commitments that have been made by all stakeholders will truly reflect in the actions that will help the post-2015 development agenda to be achieved.

Achieving the post-2015 development agenda, will depend on a solid foundation built on collaboration and partnership with different government agencies, public and private sector, civil society and Non-governmental organizations, this will help to foster and encourage participation in positively engaging in the call to action to produce results.

The post-2015 development agenda as adopted by the President of the General Assembly has "The new Agenda" which announced the 17 Sustainable Development Goals with 169 associated targets which are integrated and indivisible. The world leaders have pledged common action to collaboratively work together in the pursuit towards achieving sustainable development.

Young Professionals Forum expresses it appreciation to world leaders for making this commitment, and also wishes that the world leaders will be serious and follow the call to action and implement the post-2015 development agenda whole heartedly.

Young Professionals Forum reaffirms that during this 2016 High Level Segment, let the emphasis be led on how to move from commitment to action and then to results.

We call on world leaders to engage the help of institutions, policy makers, civil society and non-governmental organizations to develop a comprehensive strategic plan for how they will achieve the agenda and become successful in the implementation of post-2015 development agenda.

We have studied the post-2015 development agenda and we went to draw attention to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, and the need to understand how to positively engage in the implementation at the grassroots level. We want to inspire all stakeholders to also devote attention and plan on how to engage in a meaningful way so that success will be achieved.

Bearing in mind that implementing the post-2015 development agenda will encounter challenges, our organization requests that all stakeholders should be persistent in pushing forward to move from beyond the challenges, in doing so they will overcome the challenges.

As preparations are being made for the 2016 ECOSOC High Level Segment and the ministerial meeting of the High-Level Political Forum on sustainable development, we emphasize the critical role that the international financial and trade institutions need to play in fulfilling their commitment to making funds available for all stakeholders.

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